

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**HUMAN MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY FAB FRAGMENTS DIRECTED AGAINST HCV E2
GLYCOPROTEIN AND ENDOWED WITH IN VITRO NEUTRALIZING ACTIVITY**

the specification of which
(check one)

 X is attached hereto or
_____ was filed on _____
as Application Serial No. _____ and
_____ was amended on _____ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application of which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
Number	Country	Filing Date	Yes	No
RM2002A000049	ITALY	JANUARY 30, 2002	X	_____
<u>PCT/IT03/00032</u>	<u>ITALY</u>	<u>JANUARY 29, 2003</u>	<u>X</u>	_____

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
<u>PCT/IT03/00032</u>	<u>JANUARY 29, 2003</u>	<u>Pending</u>
_____	_____	_____
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And I hereby appoint:

(2) Albert Wai-Kit Chan (Reg. No. 36,479) and Mark Elkins (Reg. No. 42,510)

Attorney, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file any International Applications which are based thereon under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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